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1. The Peruvian APRA underground is reportedly trying to reorganize its Comando Nacional de Accion in order to continue its clandestine fight against the Odria government. Since the party's Comando Nacional has been virtually decimated in recent months by arrests of prominent party leaders, it has become necessary for APRA to attempt to regroup its forces.
2. Clandestine meetings of APRA leaders are reportedly taking place currently in various departments throughout the country. At these meetings delegates to secret regional conferences will be elected. The regional conferences will designate delegates to a central conference which will name the members of a new Comando Nacional. It is expected that the members of the new Comando will have been selected by the end of September 1950. The new Comando will include lesser-known party members who have distinguished themselves in underground work and who are not well-known to the police.
3. APRA also plans to have some exiled Apristas, now living in other Latin American countries, return to Peru clandestinely to help intensify the fight against the Odria government.
4. APRA has modified its internal propaganda line to some extent. The party had been concentrating on trying to hold the party together by propaganda directed to its own members. Now the party is attempting to obtain the support of all other disaffected political elements, even those, like the Union Revolucionaria, which have fought against APRA in the past.
5. Apristas still in the Lima penitentiary are more optimistic than they have been for some months, because they believe that Peru will lose the asylum case involving Victor Raul Haya de la Torre. These Apristas believe that Haya will be able to leave Peru sometime during October, and they feel that his release will boost morale within the party and will also win new supporters for it.
6. The jailed Apristas now refer to the dissident Aprista group led by Magda Portal as "Apra Blanca". They have been warned against the activities of "Apra Blanca", having been told that this group is merely an instrument of the Odria government, created for the express purpose of destroying the real APRA party.

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